

**REMARKS**

The specification, claim and abstract amendments have been made in order to conform this patent application to customary United States patent practice.

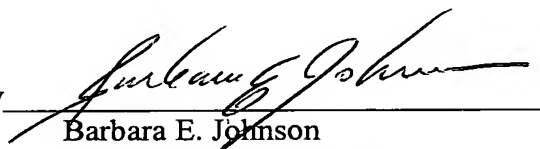
Claims 1-16 have been cancelled and new claims 17-36 have been added in order to eliminate multiple dependencies.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 17-36 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

WEBB ZIESENHEIM LOGSDON  
ORKIN & HANSON, P.C.

By

  
Barbara E. Johnson  
Registration No. 31,198  
Attorney for Applicants  
700 Koppers Building  
436 Seventh Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1818  
Telephone: 412-471-8815  
Facsimile: 412-471-4094  
E-mail: [webblaw@webblaw.com](mailto:webblaw@webblaw.com)